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Letter dated 13 November 2001 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, Cuba, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, South Africa and Zimbabwe addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have the honour to inform you that the six-member committee, established by the Non-Aligned Movement to follow up on the Lockerbie question met on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, in New York to discuss the matter.

Following this meeting, the Committee wishes to inform the Security Council of the following views:

(a) On 27 August 1998, the Security Council adopted resolution 1192 (1998), in paragraph 8 of which the Council decided to suspend immediately the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya upon the arrival in the Netherlands of the two suspects in the Lockerbie incident for trial by the Scottish Court sitting in that country. The sanctions would then be lifted after the submission of the report by the Secretary-General, as indicated in paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 883 (1993);

(b) Despite the fact the two suspects have already appeared before the Scottish Court and that a period of two and a half years has passed since the Secretary-General submitted the required report, in which he stated that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has fully complied with its obligations, the Security Council has not been able fully to lift the sanctions;

(c) Recalling the positions of the Movement that affirmed the full compliance of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with its obligations in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions and called for the immediate and full lifting of sanctions imposed by means of those resolutions, the Committee feels obliged to express its deepest concern about the continuation of the sanctions. Furthermore, the Committee believes that the Council's inability fully and immediately to lift the sanctions causes the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to question the intent behind such a stance;

(d) Reiterating its appreciation for the cooperation that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has shown throughout the phases of this issue, the six-member committee wishes to emphasize once again the positions adopted by the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, at the highest levels, and urges the Security Council to expedite the lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

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immediately and irrevocably in view of its full compliance with the demands indicated in the Security Council resolutions relevant to the Lockerbie issue.

We would be grateful, Your Excellency, if you could circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

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